

# Bringing life to Iwakuni



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Back (from left to right): Master Sgt. Christopher Wikels, his wife Nansie and son Zachary. Front (from left to right) Riley and Matty Wikels. The Wikels (pictured above) have gone through extensive fertility treatment to add to their family of five. Eight weeks after the implantation from Dr. Atsushi Tanaka at St. Mother's Hospital, the Wikels discovered they were pregnant with twins.

## *Building a family by seeking fertility treatment*

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For many couples, having children may come easy or even as a surprise. But in some cases, some people end up trying to have children for years with no success.

Being adopted as a child, watching foster children filter in and out of my home, and

for the their fertility needs.

The Wikels visited the hospital's Web site after two years of struggling with the adoption process.

"We wanted a 3-5 year old," said Nansie. "We had an approved home study and all of our recommendations were done, but there were too many transition problems."

"We spent so much money, and

Japanese and English, and has performed numerous procedures for personnel aboard the station.

After visiting with Tanaka, the Wikels decided on going through with the surgery and treatment.

"It was so easy," said Nansie.

After medications and procedures, Nansie had two eggs implanted and for eight weeks thought that only one had made it.

different treatments for different fertility situations. They also offer both male and female fertility tests and exams.

For more information on treatments, treatment fees and hours, visit [www.stmother.com](http://www.stmother.com) or contact Dr. Atsushi Tanaka by phone at 81-93-601-2000 or by e-mail at [incho@stmother.com](mailto:incho@stmother.com).